

History of Political Parties that have Adopted Party Rules Regarding Decline-to-State Voters

Beginning January 1, 2001, California adopted the "modified" closed primary system. The "modified" closed primary system permits unaffiliated ("decline-to-state") voters to participate in a primary election if authorized by an individual party's rules and duly noticed to the Secretary of State. Listed below is the history of the political parties who adopted a party rule permitting unaffiliated voters to request a party ballot in recent primary elections for partisan offices.

June 3, 2008, Statewide Direct Primary Election

American Independent Party, letter dated January 22 and January 24, 2008

Democratic Party, letter dated January 8, 2008

Republican Party, letter dated September 24, 2007

February 5, 2008, Presidential Primary Election

Democratic Party, letter dated September 19, 2007

American Independent Party, letter dated August 23, 2007

June 6, 2006, Primary Election

Democratic Party, letter dated January 4, 2006

American Independent Party, letter dated January 10, 2006

Republican Party, letter dated January 23, 2006

March 2, 2004, Primary Election

Democratic Party, letter dated October 20, 2003

American Independent Party, letter dated September 30, 2003

Republican Party, letter dated October 20, 2003